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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
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REFS: (A) BERLIN 5473
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1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY, POLAND
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ISTRATIONS OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PREVENTION,
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ACCEPTED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES INVOLVING
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PARTICULAR: CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ROMANIA SIGNED THE RECOM-
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3. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS EXTENSIVE RELATIONS AND
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(B) U.S. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS RECIPROCATED THESE
EXECUTIVE VISITS BY VISITING BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND
HUNGARY.

(C) MID-MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN U.S.
FOR ROMANIA (12 PARTICIPANTS) AND YUGOSLAVIA (4
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(D) OVERSEAS, NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TRAINING PROGRAMS
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4. IN THE PAST EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BECAUSE
OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES, SEEMED WARY OF ENTERING
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